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MEMORANDUM: [redacted] ORD

FROM: [redacted] ORD/EPG

SUBJECT: Star Gate Review Contract

As you know, ORD originally planned for the NRC to perform this study. The NRC had confirmed informally that the likelihood was high they would undertake the Star Gate review. All parties previously involved in our discussions at the NRC and US Army believed this to be the case. The NRC has now categorically refused, however. The Chairman of the Commission on Behavioral Sciences, John Swets, states that his 1988 study completed for the US Army is a definitive study which settles the issues relating to paranormal remote viewing (as far as he is concerned).

At this point, we need to proceed immediately with an alternative plan. I strongly recommend that ORD send a request for proposal to and contract directly with the American Institutes for Research (AIR). The current president, David A. Goslin, previously served for seven years at NRC as executive chairman of the Commission on Behavioral Sciences, and was directly involved in John Swets 1988 study. AIR believes it can hire every individual already contacted by the NRC to serve on our proposed panel (if we want that). Furthermore, AIR says it can complete this study in half the time and at less cost. AIR is fully cognizant of the issues I presented to the NRC as a result of discussion with me, Dave Goslin, and AIR senior personnel on 2 May. The difference, of course, is that when this study is complete it will say "AIR," and not "NRC." However, it should be substantively equivalent.

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AIR is willing to include as a consultant anyone we recommend (to serve on the panel or in some other capacity). I contacted [redacted] and he would be interested in providing consultation. I do not believe that [redacted] has the right qualifications to form or chair this panel, however.

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Included with this memo is a CIP to get this thing rolling, if you approve. The US Army will return the funds we sent to them for NRC as soon as possible, but maybe not in time to meet ORD's new sole-source action deadline of 15 May. Therefore I have already prepared this package despite the fact money is still at the Pentagon.

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OK, per [redacted] guidance
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